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CHARGE! - Didsbury Charger Winston Stewart heads towards the net during Central Alberta Lacrosse League Peeewe action against Olds at the Sportsplex on Saturday, April 25. Olds won the game 13-9.

Council cuts credit card costs

Option of credit card payments for town taxes eliminated

BY TIM DENOUDSTEN
Didsbury Review

Didsbury residents who typically put their municipal taxes on credit card will have to find an alternate way to pay when their tax notice arrives next month.

Card processing costs - which range between \$5,200 and \$6,000 - for tax payments are just too high, council decided at its April 21 meeting.

With the ongoing credit crunch, that cost could rise even more.

"That's a tax burden that taxpayers at large should not be picking up," said Gayle Veno.

"All indications are...the processing costs they're passing on at both ends are going to climb," noted Coun. Ernie Ryckman.

"That's a terrible waste of money," added Coun. Bob Davidson.

On the other hand, the cost to the town

to process debit card transactions is minimal, so residents will still be able to use them to pay their taxes, said Mayor Brian Wittal.

However, most debit cards have transaction limits, which can cause increased headaches and costs at tax time by delaying payments, indicated Manager of Legislative Services Luana Smith.

The public should be notified of the change as soon as possible, stressed several councillors.

"Usually those who are using credit cards, quite often it is more of a convenience around Air Miles and points and things like this," said Mayor Brian Wittal.

"For us to pay those kinds of service charges...for those few who wish to do credit cards to get their Air Miles, I just don't think that's a good way to spend money...Especially with the way things are changing with credit cards right now and defaults; terms are getting tighter,

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MAYOR BRIAN WITTAL

their fees are getting higher.

In fact, members of the StopStickingItToUS Coalition appeared before the Senate Banking Committee on behalf of over 200,000 Canadian businesses to lobby against the skyrocketing fees merchants pay to accept credit cards.

"Our government has a chance to show real leadership by regulating these fees in

Canada and putting in place measures that will help protect businesses and consumers," David Wilkes, senior vice-president of the Canadian Council of Retail Distributors, told reporters.

The town will continue accepting credit card payments for other expenses such as recreational fees and utility services, but council will soon be reviewing its policy on those payments too.

"We'll seriously look at also going away from accepting credit card payments for utility bill payments," said Wittal. "That will be something that we will address in the future."

Whether or not to accept credit card payment for other town services will be researched by town administration and discussed by council at a future meeting.

Carstairs and Crossfield are now the only remaining municipalities in this area that accept municipal tax payments via credit card.

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Lucas acquitted in grizzly bear shooting

Canmore court finds Carstairs man not guilty

BY MARK LAYCOCK
For the Review

Local rancher and business owner Joe Lucas was found not guilty last Thursday of six charges for the shooting of a grizzly bear in October 2007.

Lucas appeared in Canmore Provincial Court and faced up to \$500,000 in fines for the incident.

Shortly after the verdict Lucas said the outcome was a "great relief and went the way it should."

"When you feel you're right, you're right," he added.

During Judge John Reilly's verdict, he remarked that Lucas had taken the appropriate action to protect himself considering the circumstances.

"I find, notwithstanding, that in my experience of living in the mountains that bears are dangerous and unpredictable animals. In my view, Mr. Lucas properly came to view that bear as a danger," said Reilly.

Lucas faced charges of unlawfully hunting wildlife, unlawfully possessing wildlife, unlawful discharge of a firearm, failing to ensure a firearm in a wildland provincial park is unloaded and fully encased, and unlawfully destroying a bear.

The incident occurred on Oct. 21, 2007, when Mr. Lucas, alongside his then 13-year-old son Kyle, and two friends, Carson Nutting and Bruce Pierson, embarked on a big born sheep hunting trip near Evan-Thomas Pass in Elbow-Sheep Wildland Provincial Park.

The day before the incident the group had travelled about five hours via horseback to a "semi-permanent" campsite located just off a large meadow in a heavily forested section. The camp was retrofitted with a three-wire electrical fence that spanned the circumference of the camp, however the fence was never electrified.

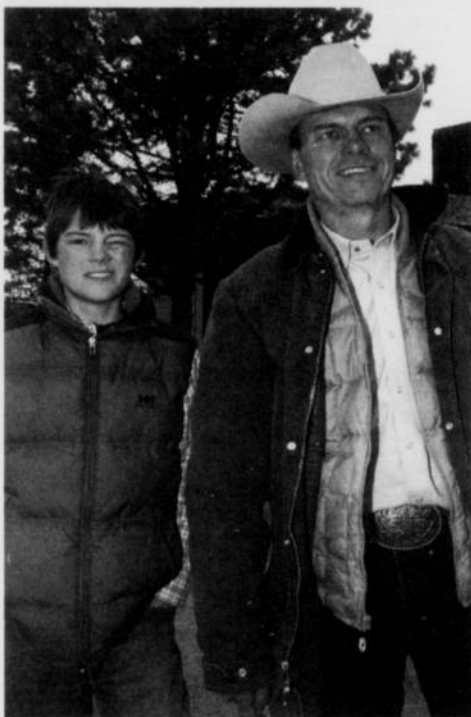
On the morning of Oct. 21, both Nutting and Pierson testified that after taking their hobbled horses out to the meadow and returning to camp they were alerted to the bear's presence when bells from their horses starting ringing.

Nutting said he rushed to the treeline where he saw the bear chasing after the horses. He then returned to camp where he notified the others in the group.

Nutting and Pierson then returned to the meadow, both armed, citing concern that the bear was trying to hunt the horses. Both men said that after a second attempt of chasing the horses the bear stopped and noticed the two men.

Nutting told the court that throughout this time he was yelling at the bear in an attempt to scare it off, however once the bear noticed him it started to move closer.

Although the bear never charged him, Nutting said that despite him yelling at the bear, it continued to move towards him, getting as close as 18 metres at one point.



Mark Laycock/Carstairs Courier

NOT GUILTY - Joe Lucas and his son celebrate with family members outside Canmore Provincial Court last Thursday after Joe was acquitted on charges of killing a grizzly bear in 2007.

"Bears are dangerous and unpredictable animals. In my view, Mr. Lucas properly came to view that bear as a danger."

JUDGE JOHN REILLY

As soon as the bear crossed a creek and continued towards him, Nutting says he was about to shoot, however Lucas ordered him not to fire on the animal.

At that point Nutting says the bear proceeded to the south side of the camp where he lost sight of the bear.

Shortly thereafter both Nutting and Pierson testified they heard a single shot fired. Afterwards the two returned to the meadow to gather their horses.

Once they returned to camp, both men said Lucas showed them where the bear was shot and the broken fence line where it happened.

All three men told the court they ate breakfast and waited about 30 minutes before searching for the bear. Once they did, they followed a trail of blood about 91 metres away from camp where the dead bear was found under a tree.

Upon inspection the men found the bear had an ear tag, number 103, and was collared. Nutting and Pierson then testified the bear was rolled over from under the tree so that pictures could be taken of the animal as evidence.

Shortly thereafter both men said Lucas headed back to Hwy. 40 via horseback to call in the incident to park officials.

The Crown called multiple witnesses from Alberta Parks, including conservation officer Nathan Brown, who noted that upon arrival at the campsite he found garbage and food littered around the campsite during two visits to the area. However, it was later determined that the bear did not have any contact with human food prior to the incident.

Dave Hanna, conservation officer in the Kananaskis region, was responsible for the original capture and collaring of the bear a year before its death. He testified that collars are used to keep track of bears and ensure they aren't encroaching on urban areas or disturbing humans.

Hanna said that bear 103 was undergoing aversion therapy, a program designed to teach bears to avoid humans. The program consists of conservation officers chasing bears away from highways and facilities using rubber bullets, firecrackers and yelling. A successful outcome of the program is a bear that will run away once it recognizes a conservation officer's vehicle.

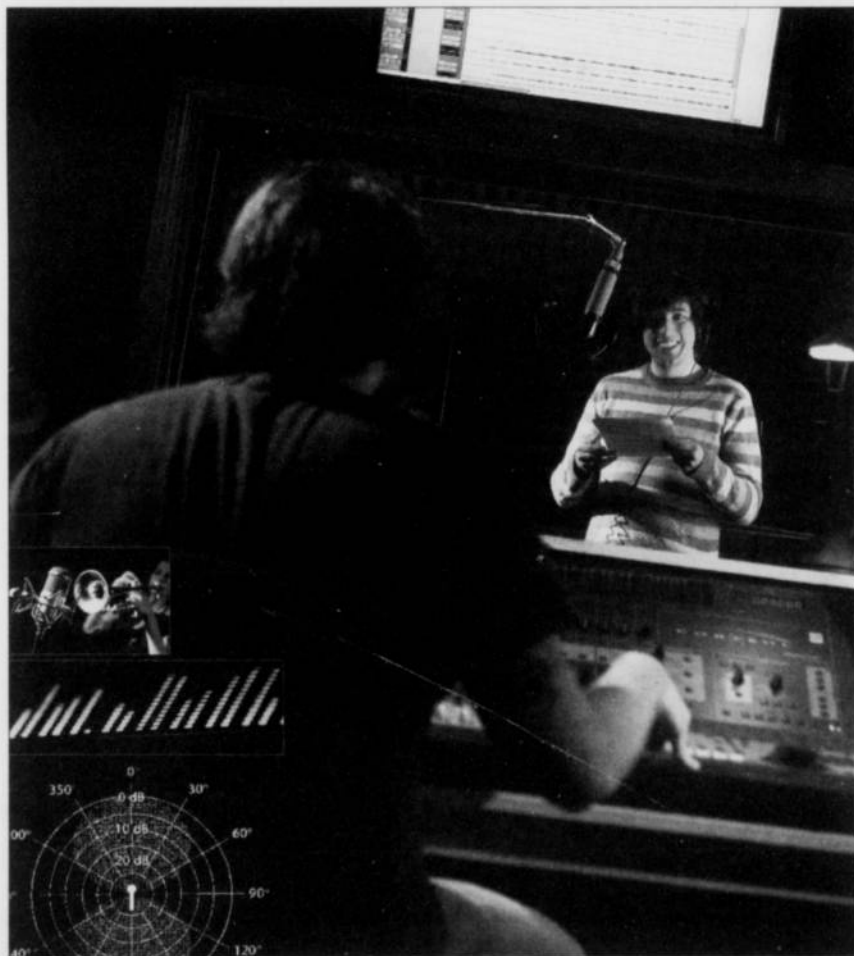
Although the bear was found near facilities and along highways numerous times, including an instance where it was found walking through a residential park, Hanna said the bear's behaviour was appropriate and described the bear as being a promising successful candidate of the program.

"We have bears who we (performed) plenty of action on and are good bears now," said Hanna.

Later in the trial, Thomas Packer, forensic biologist with Alberta Fish and Wildlife, testified that the bear died of a single gunshot wound that pierced the bear's lung. The shot entered from an angle as opposed to straight on at 90 degrees.

Lucas later testified that he only fired on the bear after it approached the fence line of the campsite and

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RCMP supports council policing priorities

BY TIM DENOUDSTEN
Didsbury Review

Didsbury RCMP has approved the policing recommendations for 2009-19 discussed by town council at its March 30 meeting.

Among the new objectives recommended by council are increased police focuses on being a more visible presence in the community and increasing the number positive interactions by RCMP members with youth through school visits and other such initiatives.

At its March 30 meeting, council also suggested that the RCMP start doing a summer bike patrol to increase its visibility in the community.

Council passed a motion recommending that police focus in 2009-19 should be on the following items:

One way suggested by council of having more of a police presence in the community is through bicycle patrols.

"I'd sure like to see it," said Coun. Ernie Ryckman, adding that he had seen such patrols in action while visiting Utah. "It was extremely effective. You don't hear or see them coming."

Didsbury RCMP Cpl. Jeff Jacobson wrote in an e-mail response to council that he believes that to be a good idea.

"I am planning to expand this to a foot and bike patrol

program so all members can participate and not just the bike-trained ones," indicated Jacobson, adding that police plan to do about 100 such patrols through the rest of the spring and into the summer and fall.

Didsbury's Community Services Board suggested to council that RCMP officers should focus on interacting with youth in a positive way.

"The more time [RCMP] members could spend meeting our community's youth on a social level, the less likely that these kids would be to attract negative attention towards themselves," the board indicated in meeting minutes submitted to council.

Having occasional RCMP presence at town schools was also a priority for former Didsbury police chief Sgt. Kevin O'Dwyer over the past year, noted Coun. Gayle Veno.

"Sgt. O'Dwyer said...that he hopes that that will continue," she said. "It's very much appreciated."

Mayor Brian Wittal agreed that it should remain a priority in the coming year.

"I think that's a big part of what we're trying to do in the community," he said, noting that the number of incidents of vandalism among local kids appears to be going down, but that continued interaction remains impor-

tant.

"There should still definitely be a youth focus, engaging the youth, whether that be through school programs or after-school and evenings."

Council also recommended increasing police presence at Westglen Middle School, as well as at the arena and the Multi-purpose Room, particularly on Thursday and Friday nights when school is not in session.

Coun. Jason Brander suggested having a stronger police presence on Thursdays before a Friday holiday, especially in areas such as the skateboard park and the arena.

"I'd like to see the RCMP put more emphasis on Thursday and Friday nights when there's no school," he said. "Maybe that's something to mention to the RCMP and the peace officer."

"I don't think we have huge issues...[but] a little bit more presence is always a good thing," said town bylaw officer Derek Sutherland following the meeting. He will be working a later shift on the next such Friday holiday in May.

Jacobson agreed that an increased presence would be positive.

"I like the youth focus and plan to work in a school/skateboard park/recreation arena walk-through program," wrote Jacobson. "Aiming for at least one proactive walk-through per week [could] familiarize the youth with our members and deter problems from developing at those places."

"There should still definitely be a youth focus."

BRIAN WITTAL
Didsbury mayor



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Commentary Provincial sales tax a bad idea

DAN SINGLETON

As the only province in Canada still without a provincial sales tax, Alberta currently enjoys a distinctive advantage over other jurisdictions in terms of retaining consumer confidence during the ongoing recession.

Being able to tell residents and would-be residents that the province is tax-free is a powerful selling point for Alberta, while at the same time giving consumers more money to spend on homegrown goods and services.

Yet in light of the dramatic fall in oil and gas revenues seen in recent months, just how long will the Stelmach government be able to resist the temptation to bring in a provincial tax that could end up making the difference between success and ruin for Alberta?

When Finance Minister Iris Evans floated the idea of a sales tax earlier this month, the reaction from most quarters ranged from unfavourable to downright hostile.

Not surprisingly, both opposition parties have been quick to say any move towards a sales tax would be a non-starter with ordinary Albertans.

"Sales taxes are inherently unfair because they don't consider the taxpayer's ability to pay," said NDP leader Brian Mason. "A working family making \$60,000 per year will pay a far higher portion of their income than those making \$200,000."

Dave Taylor, Liberal opposition Finance Minister, said: "Albertans are justifiably proud of our sales-tax status. Frankly I think it's foolish for the Stelmach administration to propose an idea that will remind Albertans of the much-loathed Mulroney GST."

"This trial balloon shows that the Stelmach administration is scrambling. They don't know how to get us out of this mess."

Yet the opposition parties are in the enviable position of being critics, able to shoot down any suggested path of action while not having any responsibility for solving real-world problems such as finding enough money to operate Alberta's hospitals, schools, and road networks.

The Stelmach government, on the other hand, must make the hard decisions and those decisions are becoming more and more difficult as the recession continues.

Due to the steep decline in resource revenues the province is now operating in the red and has already been forced to dip into the sustainability fund to cover the losses.

While drawing on reserves is a workable short-term solution for Alberta's budget woes, it is not, of course, sustainable over the long term – once the cupboard is bare, it's bare.

As long as the province still has money in the sustainability account and the Heritage Trust Savings Fund, Albertans are unlikely to see a provincial sales tax.

If, however, the recession continues or deepens, the big question may soon become, would Albertans rather see large spending cuts in health care, education and infrastructure or a provincial sales tax?



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Commentary Paying the (heavy) price of civilization

MARK MILKE

"Taxes are the price we pay for civilization," said Oliver Wendell Holmes Jr., an accurate observation on the surface but one often quoted without context: when Holmes wrote his quip in 1927, taxes as a per cent of the economy, both in the U.S. and Canada, were much lower than now. Without context, simplistic arguments result.

A good example of such simplification appeared recently in an anti-tax relief study from the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives. The nub of the CCPA's claim is that many Canadians receive more in government benefits than they pay in taxes.

In other words, taxes redistribute income.

No kidding. The study was financed by government unions who have an interest in higher taxes and more spending but that doesn't disqualify it; everyone has an initial bias. The key is to ask whether conclusions are fairly drawn and if something is missing in a particular claim. It is on this latter test that the tax-happy crowd are often wrong and where the CCPA study in particular fails.

The CCPA study creates a false choice: taxes and civilization (and preferably high and punishing!) or no taxes and no civilization. But no one with a scintilla of nuance thinks that's the choice. The debate should be about what government is desirable and what's the best way to pay for it.

Assuming most of us want jobs

and appreciate the role entrepreneurs play, a useful question to ask is: when do taxes destroy opportunity?

But the study ignores that and whether taxpayers get good value. Instead, it says government programs are a "quiet bargain."

But to claim some Canadians have it good because other people pay a chunk of their government services isn't a measurement of a good deal; it's just another way of saying governments redistribute money.

To know one is getting a good deal, one must be able to compare service and cost and choose other suppliers if prices are too high or services inadequate. But governments are often held hostage by public sector unions. That has consequences: A few years back, a B.C. health-care union went on an illegal strike for one week and caused surgeries to be cancelled at the BC Children's Hospital.

Or there is this measurement. Data from the Canadian Federation of Independent Business reveals wages and benefits in the public sector are significantly higher than in similar private sector jobs: by 41.7 per cent federally, 24.9 per cent provincially, and 35.9 per cent municipally. Also, in the public health-care sector, wages and benefits exceed private comparables by 19 per cent.

The CCPA study also ignores how governments waste money. Think of \$182 billion in corporate welfare over 12 years instead of provincial and business tax reductions which would have allowed more entrepreneurs to flourish.

There is this other omission in the CCPA's work: how various groups, such as themselves, seek and receive tax dollars for their own agendas.

In the dying days of the B.C. NDP government in early 2001, that government awarded an untendered four-year "contract" to the Canadian Centre for Policy Alternatives. The contract was to coincide with the expected term of the B.C. Liberals who were a sure bet to win the election in 2001 (and did).

Besides that tax-funded gift, the government-owned insurance company also bought 50 "subscriptions" to CCPA materials during the NDP time in office, even though the information was available free on the web. And the B.C. Ministry of Finance purchased an "enhanced" subscription to CCPA materials.

All told, during the NDP period, the CCPA received over \$410,000 in tax-funded support from B.C.'s taxpayers. The CCPA also got money from the Manitoba NDP government, and in 2002, \$900,000 from the federal government. I know all this because I filed many of the Freedom of Information requests that uncovered the B.C. information.

When groups claim that tax relief is bad for you, and government delivery and especially non-competition are desirable, it's not just their public sector patrons who may benefit from such arguments; it may be the groups themselves.

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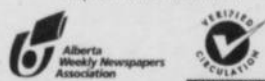
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In partnership with the community, the **Town of Didsbury** is sponsoring the **Annual Spring Clean-up** scheduled for the **week of May 11 - 16th, 2009**.

Local Schools and the Didsbury Scouting group will be clean-sweeping the whole community, playgrounds and green spaces.

Residents are encouraged to clean up their properties throughout the week and take advantage of the **free landfill day on Saturday, May 16th** from 9am - 1pm.

In order to access the landfill site for free, you will be required to pick up a tag (with proof of residency) during the week of May 11 - 15th between 8am and 4pm at Public Works located at 2309-19 Street. **NOTE: For residents with mobility issues, curbside pick up can be arranged for a \$20 fee.

Regular household waste, household hazardous waste, waste oil and scrap metal will be accepted free of charge at the landfill site between the hours of 9am and 1pm on Saturday May 16th.

Any freon containing appliances and propane tanks will be charged accordingly at the landfill site.

The Town of Didsbury has a Recycle depot located at 2311 - 19 Street. Recycling is also available at the landfill site.

To assist with yard clean-up, a grass and leaf bin will be available at the Recycle depot in Didsbury in the spring and fall (May 15 - June 15th and September 15th - October 15th).

For more information, to pick up a tag or for a list of what is accepted on Saturday May 16th at the landfill site, please call the Town of Didsbury Public Works at 403-335-8343, check the Town of Didsbury ads in the Didsbury Review or online information at www.didsbury.ca.

NOTICE TO TAXPAYERS

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Saturday, May 9, 2009

Time of Closure: 7:00am to 4:00pm

Temporary closure of the following locations:

- 20th Street from 20th Avenue north to 22nd Avenue
- 20th Street from 20th Avenue south to 17th Avenue
- 19th Avenue from 20th Street west to 21st Street
- 18th Avenue from 20th Street west to the alley access



Please watch for barricades and respect the pedestrian traffic.

NEW DEVELOPMENT PERMIT APPLICATIONS

The following development permit has been issued for the following proposed developments:

- DP 25-09 1510 - 25 Street Roof over Deck with Conditions R1

Further information may be obtained at the Town Office located at 2037 - 19 Avenue or by calling 403-335-3391. Persons wishing to appeal any of these decisions must do so in writing, with the appropriate fees, to the Secretary, Development Appeal Board, prior to 4:30pm on **May 12, 2009**.

Kim Boyd - Development Officer

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For more information, contact Byron by phone at 403-335-7364 or by e-mail at bsayer@didsbury.ca.

Westglen students show their rhythm

BY TIM DENOUDSTEN
Didsbury Review

About 20 students at Westglen School got a crash (and bang and thump) course in drumming from a professional Yamaha Canada instructor last Wednesday, April 22.

The lesson, provided by clinician and author Michael Beauclerc was part of Yamaha's cross-Canada tour to promote and revive the drum line, which consists of an assortment of cymbals, snare drums and bass drums.

"The drum line is basically the engine of a marching band," said Corey Taylor, Sales Consultant and Product Specialist, Yamaha Canada Music Ltd.

"Drum line itself can be used either in a marching band setting or by itself. Schools typically nowadays will look at using it by itself."

Long a staple of marching bands and at college sports events in the United States, the drum line is a tradition largely lost in this country, explained Taylor.

"For whatever reason it dried up in Canada," he said. "What we're doing is trying to bring it back and help reinvigorate

some of the band programs...It's something that's been lost for a number of years and we're trying to bring it back."

The tour makes about 100 stops per year at high schools and middle schools throughout the country and is quite unique, said Taylor.

With a good instructor and a good sense of rhythm, the skills needed to make an effective drum line can be picked up relatively quickly, added Greg Fisher, manager of St. John's Music in Calgary.

"In a two-hour session, some kids who have never even touched a pair of drumsticks [are playing]," said Fisher. "You see the looks on their faces - parents and administrators - they can't believe it."

This is something that's obtainable," agreed Taylor. "It's inclusive; you don't have to be a superstar...you can start from scratch with the right kind of instruction."

Although Taylor admitted that such clinics are in part a vehicle for promoting and selling drum sets, he added that they are also a way for Yamaha to give back to communities.

"What we're doing is trying to bring (the drum line) back and help reinvigorate some of the band programs."

COREY TAYLOR
Sales Consultant and
Product Specialist,
Yamaha Canada Music
Ltd.

"We have a mandate to put back into the communities that we operate in," he said, noting that Yamaha is a major contributor back into the community in terms of musical education.

"No one has done anything like this before," Taylor said of the cross-Canada tour, the most recent of which began last fall.

He commended the efforts of the Westglen students.

"It's good to be out here, because the kids are digging it," he said. "As far as middle schools go, they did really well."



Tim Denoudsten / Didsbury Review

FEEL THE BEAT - Yamaha Music Canada clinician Michael Beauclerc demonstrates the proper drum line rhythm for the bass drums to Westglen students Jesse Morales and Dayna Goerzen during a clinic by Yamaha Canada at Westglen School Wednesday, April 22.

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As part of the Alberta government's comprehensive review and study of the prospect of nuclear power generation in Alberta, the province is committed to consulting with Albertans on this issue.

In 2008, a Nuclear Power Expert Panel was created with a mandate to fully examine all aspects of nuclear power including environmental, health and safety issues, waste management and comparisons with other electricity generation options in Alberta. The Expert Panel has now submitted its findings.

The Alberta government recognizes there are many diverse perspectives and views on nuclear energy and would like to hear from all Albertans via a comprehensive online survey or by paper copy. The survey will remain open until June 1, 2009.

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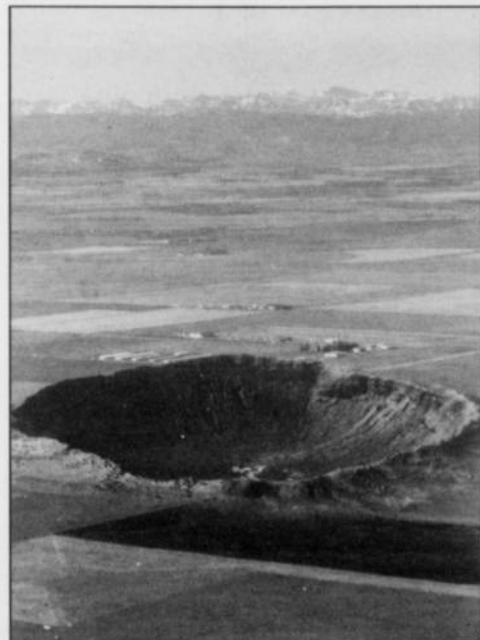
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BY TIM DENOUDSTEN
Didsbury Review

Stolen truck located

On April 17 at about 7:30 p.m., police received a report that an unoccupied yellow Dodge Ram had been found idling on the shoulder along Hwy. 791 south of Hwy. 581.

Police attended and found that the truck's ignition had been smashed out. In addition, the truck matched the description of a vehicle that had been reported stolen in Calgary the previous night.

It is unknown how long the truck had been left running and police currently have no suspects in the theft.

Vehicle entered

Sometime between about 8:30 p.m. on April 17 and 6:30 a.m. the following morning, a vehicle was broken into near the College Green Apartments in Didsbury.

CRIME WATCH



Both doors on the driver's side were found open. The vehicle had been rummaged through and a few dollars in change were taken. It is not known whether the vehicle's doors were locked at the time of the incident. The vehicle was not damaged and showed no signs of forced entry.

Window smashed

Sometime between about 9:30 p.m. on April 17 and 8:30 a.m. the next day, one of the windows of a vehicle parked on the 1800 block of 16 St. in

Didsbury was smashed. The vehicle was subsequently covered in toilet paper. As nothing was taken from the vehicle, police say that the motive for the crime remains unclear.

ATV stolen

Between 12:30 and 1:30 p.m. on April 18, a Honda ATV was reported stolen near the Burnt Timber Gas Complex. The dark green ATV had broken down, so the owner left it to get a vehicle to tow it. However, when he returned, it was gone. The ATV remains missing.

Two injured in collision

On April 18 at about 10:30 p.m., police received a report of a single-vehicle collision at the intersection of Range Road 21 and Hwy. 582 west of Didsbury. Police determined that the vehicle was travelling south-bound along the range road when it ran a stop sign, hit a cement barricade and flipped, injuring the two occupants.

The driver, a 24-year-old male was transported via STARS air ambulance to Foothills Hospital in Calgary, while the 16-year-old male passenger was taken to Didsbury Hospital.

Police are still investigating the circumstances of the incident and no charges have yet been laid. Alcohol is believed to have been a factor.

Motorcycle stolen

Police received a report

that sometime between 5 p.m. on April 19 and 6 p.m. on April 21, a motorcycle was stolen from a motorcycle trailer parked in the driveway of a Cremona residence. The missing bike is described as a yellow 2006 Boss Hoss BHC with purple flames.

Utility trailer set ablaze

Between about 4:10 and 4:30 p.m. on April 20, a utility trailer parked in the alley near Julia Place in Didsbury caught fire. A witness reported seeing a dark-coloured (possibly navy or black) truck with tinted windows throw an object at the trailer and drive away. Shortly afterwards, the trailer began to smoke and flames appeared. Police currently have no suspects in the incident.

If you have any information about any of these crimes, please contact Didsbury RCMP at 403-335-3382.



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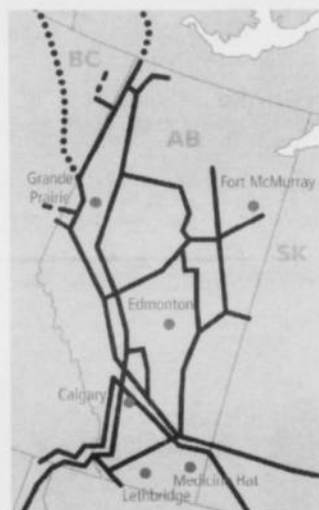
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The open houses will be held across Alberta and will feature informational booths, displays and maps. TransCanada representatives will be on hand to discuss the jurisdictional change, to answer questions and to gather input. Light refreshments will be served.



Open Houses:

Tuesday, May 5
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4 pm to 8 pm

Wednesday, May 6
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Cochrane
4 pm to 8 pm

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Like a rolling Stone

Didsbury harness racer Jeff Stone discusses his life-long love of horse racing

BY TIM DENOUDSTEN
Didsbury Review

Being trampled by just one horse can often be a fatal experience.

Perhaps, then, it comes as no surprise that Didsbury harness racer Jeff Stone still vividly recalls the day he was run over by four, even though the incident occurred over 15 years ago.

The race was going well for Stone until his horse suddenly broke its rhythmic stride and tripped, throwing the driver off of his race bike (or 'sulky') and onto the track, directly in the path of oncoming racers.

Harness racing horses can pace up to 40 miles per hour and the uniform of a harness racer is relatively light, and protective equipment is essentially limited to a helmet, flak jacket and boots.

So Stone was extremely vulnerable when the surging tide of hooves and wheels struck, leaving him with a laundry list of injuries, including a shattered ankle, a broken leg, three broken ribs, two broken elbows, an injured back and hip and facial lacerations.

"It took the moustache off me," Stone jokes with a chuckle, as only someone that has survived serious injury can.

Remarkably, he then was able to walk about an eighth of a mile to have his injuries diagnosed.

"You'd be amazed the adrenaline that takes over, the pain that you might be able to withstand for a period of time," says Stone.

Although the track medic didn't believe Stone had any broken bones, a family friend and nurse advised him to go to the hospital.

Today, Stone, now 42, who has been a professional driver since 1991, is still racing and training horses with his wife Rachelle at the Lil Dude Ranch outside of Didsbury.

However, he says that injuries like this – and the numerous other more minor ones over the course of his career – have given him a renewed appreciation for life.

"You don't take things for granted," he says. "You're putting your life on the line [so] you learn to appreciate the little things when you're laying in the hospital all busted up."

Another reason that Stone hasn't given up harness racing is that it runs in his blood, with his father and grandfather both having been involved with the sport.

As a result, he has since become essentially addicted to the track, says Stone, who began at a young age as a groom but progressed quickly to farrier (who shoes the horses) at the age of 14 before becoming a trainer and ultimately a driver.

"The adrenalin is through the roof," he says. "If you could bottle that feeling and sell it, you'd have the best drug known to man."

Perhaps another reason for not leaving the sport is his



SPEEDY – Jeff Stone and Lilsharkshooter clock a winning time of 1:54.3 in the second elimination of the one-mile pace at Edmonton's Northlands Park racetrack in 2007.

"The adrenalin is through the roof. If you could bottle that feeling and sell it, you'd have the best drug known to man."

JEFF STONE
Harness racer

success over the years. In over 6,100 races at tracks throughout North America, Stone has been victorious 960 times and garnered purses totalling over \$4 million, setting track records and garnering 'Best Driver of the Year' awards in several provinces along the way.

In addition, he has a very respectable UFDS (Universal Driver Rating System - similar to baseball batting average) of 0.269.

Most recently, he won several races at the newly opened Alberta Downs racetrack west of Lacombe last weekend, April 25-26.

All of these achievements have made Stone something of a celebrity among harness racing enthusiasts across Canada.

"You get a lot of fans," he notes. "It happens to me quite often where people know who I am, but I don't know who they are, so it's kind of strange. It's [usually] somebody that you've never met that had maybe been betting on you or cheering for you."

He first came to the Lil Dude Ranch in anticipation of the completion of a new \$40-million racetrack in Balzac, which has yet to come to pass.

"Our owners invested in this place hoping Balzac was going to go," he says. "To make a long story short, it hasn't gone, so now we're trying to work out of here and

hoping something takes place."

He is currently training five horses that he works out regularly at the 5/8-mile training track located on his property.

His love for horses is evident even in the décor of his home, the walls of which are covered with woodcuts and photographs of horses and racing.

"You can see by looking around, we're a little horse-crazy," acknowledges Stone, who also appreciates working with horses as athletes.

"They enjoy to see you every day," he says. "They're always happy, so it's easy to go to work as opposed to people, you know, some of them can be quite hard to work with."

"Horse racing of any kind is equally challenging because they are different. I don't know if you can compare any of them. I think they're all challenging," he says. "I've never had two horses the same... They can have good and bad days just like any athlete."

Despite his love for his chosen occupation, Stone confesses that being a driver can be both physically and mentally gruelling.

"You have to be athletic because you have to think fast," he says. The better shape you're in, the better you're going to think."

As might be expected, Stone's daughter Tina, currently in Grade 5, is also an avid horse enthusiast.

"She's been bit by the bug," he says with a touch of pride.

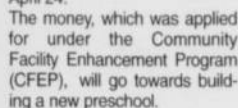
However, because of the strain and the rigours inherent in the job, he is not eager to see his daughter follow in his footsteps.

"When there's \$300,000 in less than two minutes, that's a lot of pressure... [and] it's a lot of work. I don't necessarily want my kids doing it."



TLC • Jeff Stone feeds his one of prized racehorses, Lilsharkshooter. "He's very fast," says Stone with pride. "No other horse can go as fast out of the gate."

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Local team triumphs at tournament

A group of 14 young men from the area represented Didsbury in the prestigious international Banff Cup hockey tournament during the weekend of April 16 to 19. Player selections were conducted during the past four months and finally the roster was set to take on teams from across Canada with hopes of bringing home the Banff Cup.

The Didsbury team was first in action on Friday to take on the Bonnyville Chiefs. Action was fast and fierce with the Bonnyville squad trying to goon things up a bit and intimidate the faster, more skilful Ramblers. In the end, it was a complete effort from the goaltending to the forwards and Didsbury came out on top with a 4-0 shutout. Cory Shields and Colin (Noodle) McEwen shared the shutout. Goal scorers were Ian Brander with two, with Greg Laveck and Jason Brander adding singles. Most Value Player of the match went to Greg Laveck. Game two on Saturday pitted Didsbury against their toughest opponents from Fort Saskatchewan. Didsbury trailed the Fort at the start of the third period by a score of 2-1 until a nifty pass from Ian Brander enabled Jason Brander to sneak in and go top shelf to tie the game. With just under five minutes to play, Jason Brander scored his second goal of the game with an end to end rush. Once again stellar goaltending from Shields and Noodle preserved the victory and the two goalies shared in the MVP honours. Game number three was played Sunday morning

against Calgary and was more of a lopsided affair. Didsbury scored early and often and came out on top 6-1 and secured their spot in the final. Goal scorers were Brent Youngs, Ian Brander with two, Mike Moran,



FIRE ON ICE • Members of the Didsbury 'Colts' recreational hockey team show off their medals after defeating the Bonnyville Chiefs 6-4 in the final of the recent Banff Cup tournament.

Ian McCulloch and Dwight (Dirt) Rhodes. MVP was awarded to Dirt Rhodes for his stellar corner work all game long. With three wins under their belts the Ramblers were headed to the final against the rough-and-tumble Bonnyville Chiefs. The Chiefs once again tried to intimidate the Didsbury squad but the hometown boys kept their cool and skated out to a 6-2 lead before eventually winning 6-4 and thus hoisting the Banff Cup high above their heads in celebration. Goal scorers for Didsbury were Ian Brander with two, Ian McCulloch with two and Mike Moran and Ryan Korschuh adding singles. MVP was awarded to Ian McCulloch while Noodle and Shields supplied solid goaltending between the pipes. The defensive core was rounded out with the trio of Doug Bedard, Shawn Murphy and Ron Dorion. The win was dedicated to Dave Nelson who after a controversial call was forced to watch from the stands for the last couple of games. The Ramblers would like to thank the fine young ladies who travelled out to Banff to offer support and loud cheers from the stands.

Submitted by Jason Brander

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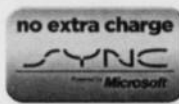
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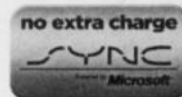
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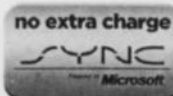
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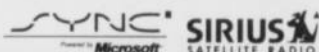
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'Domestic Bliss' on display at library

BY TIM DENOUDSTEN
Didsbury Review

Domestic bliss. That's the theme of a new art exhibit on display at the Didsbury Municipal Library until May 19.

The works in the collection, titled Domestic Bliss, add some visual intrigue to the library, said library manager Inez Kosinski.

"You get tired of looking at the same yellow walls all the time," she smiled.

"It's economical to have a gallery in your community from time to time," said Kosinski. "We do it to highlight Alberta artists and it's one more reason to visit the library."

The 22 photos and paintings - which range from lithographs to watercolours - depict scenes from everyday life.

The scenes of the Domestic Bliss collection focus on activities such as family groupings,

recreational activities, dinner tables, mother and child poses and other familial activities. The art works chosen from the Collection of the Alberta Foundation for the Arts celebrate the warmth, caring and serenity of being a part of a family.

Historically, images of domestic scenes have been mainly explored by women. Impressionist painters, Mary Cassatt and Berthe Morisot depicted idealistic scenes

of mothers with children and small family groupings while their male contemporaries, Georges Seurat, Pierre Auguste Renoir, Henri Matisse and Claude Monet painted landscape themes or images of posed women. The reason - women were not welcome in life drawing classes and therefore to portray people they focused on their immediate surroundings.

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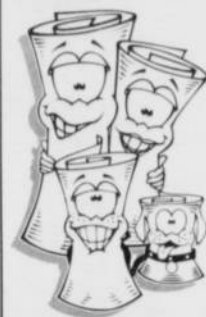
familial activities.

The collection is a touring exhibition developed by the Art Gallery of Alberta for the Alberta Foundation for the Arts Travelling Exhibition Program. It is currently circulating throughout the southwest and central parts of Alberta via the Alberta Society of Artists. The Alberta Foundation financially supports the AFA Travelling Exhibition Program for the Arts.

An interpretive guide to the works on display can be found at the library.

For more information about the exhibit, visit www.artgallery.alberta.com.

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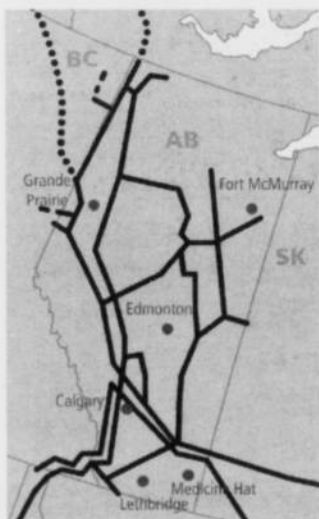
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Photo submitted
This oil on board painting by Paul Rasporich, entitled Midnight Feeding, is among the works featured in the Alberta Foundation For the Arts' travelling exhibition "Domestic Bliss," currently showing at the Didsbury library.

Public Notice

On April 15, 2009, the National Energy Board (NEB) issued Certificate GC-113 to TransCanada Pipeline Limited (TransCanada) placing the Alberta System (NOVA Gas Transmission Ltd. or NGTL) under the jurisdiction of the NEB. This certificate will come into effect on April 29, 2009, at which time the Alberta System will be formally regulated by the NEB. This concludes a comprehensive regulatory process undertaken by the NEB in respect of TransCanada's application.



Previously under provincial jurisdiction, NGTL was regulated by the Alberta Utilities Commission (AUC). This regulatory change, which was the subject of NEB public hearings in Calgary in November 2008, recognizes the interprovincial nature of TransCanada's existing pipelines, and allows NGTL to expand its pipeline network outside Alberta, to markets like northeast British Columbia and the Yukon. (Pipelines that carry gas across provincial boundaries must be regulated federally.)

NGTL's operations will remain the same, even though the company is now under a new jurisdiction. A change in jurisdictional oversight to the NEB will not impact existing agreements with landowners. Any annual payments and liability protections included in those agreements will continue under NEB jurisdiction. As well, all easement agreements on the Alberta System state that the landowner

shall have the right to use the pipeline right-of-way for normal farming operations, without having to notify TransCanada. This practice, too, will not change under NEB jurisdiction. For more information on the NEB and the NEB regulatory process please visit the NEB website at www.neb-one.gc.ca.

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Trial

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pulled its ears back and had a "crazy look on its face." Lucas' testimony and the forensic evidence gathered at the scene all indicated the bear was 14 metres from Lucas when he fired.

"There was no doubt in my mind, I thought, 'get a bullet in him as quick as you can or he's going to be on me.'" The Crown's final witness, Dr. Michael Gibeau, who sat in court for the entire proceedings, was called upon to discuss the bear's behaviour, which he described as not being aggressive.

"I wouldn't consider this an aggressive bear... I would call this bear at times testy, indifferent and at times cocky, but still yielding to humans."

Gibeau said that the bear wasn't hunting the horses, but was chasing the horses out of curiosity. He went on to say that the bear likely wasn't coming for Mr. Nutting, but was trying to get around him as well as Lucas.

Despite Gibeau and multiple witnesses testifying that a bear's behaviour can be understood and is not unpredictable, Judge Reilly disagreed, saying that a bear is a wild animal and it is not possible to know what bears are thinking, thus their actions are unpredictable.

"We don't understand them, so we don't know what they're going to do," said Reilly.

Furthermore the judge noted that all the testimony given by Mr. Lucas, Nutting and Pierson was consistent with the forensic evidence gathered by conservation officers, as well as all of the statements collected.

Human swine flu precautions urged

BY DAN SINGLETON
For the Review

In the wake of the ongoing spread of human swine flu, Alberta Health is calling on all residents to take precautions.

"We are asking anyone who develops a fever or cough and has recently returned from Mexico or the southern U.S. to call HealthLink Alberta (1-866-408-LINK) for advice before visiting a physician's office, medicentre or emergency room," Dr. Andre Corriveau, Alberta's Chief Medical Officer of Health said Monday.

"All Albertans are reminded not to touch their eyes, nose or mouth after touching door handles and other surfaces that may harbour influenza or other viruses."

The province says other ways to reduce the spread of influenza include staying at home from work and avoiding

public places when ill, and coughing into a tissue rather than your hand.

Olds physician Dr. Steven Turner says anyone who has recently travelled to Mexico or been in contact with someone who has and is now experiencing flu-like symptoms should contact HealthLink immediately.

"Avoid contact with other people so we don't spread it around," said Turner.

There were no reported cases of human swine flu reported in Alberta as of press time Monday.

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DR. STEVEN TURNER

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CHAMBER OF COMMERCE - Membership meetings are the 2nd Wed. in June, September, November, and January. For more info please call 403-335-3265.

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National Rail Safety Week

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100. Obituaries**Elsie Marie Phillips**

Elsie was called home to see her Lord on April 13, 2009 at the age of 93. Elsie was born in St. Ignatius Montana to Hans and Gathel Kiersgaard on November 3, 1915, the first of seven children. Shortly after her birth the family moved to Manitoba where her father found work with the railroad and on farms in the area around Morden. The railroad brought the family to Irricana where Elsie met her husband Kenneth while she was working in a coffee shop. Shortly after their marriage in 1939 Ken and Elsie moved to the Didsbury area where they purchased a farm where they resided until Ken's passing in 1980. Elsie was an active member in her church as well as the Women's Institute. She worked for several years as a librarian at the Didsbury library. Elsie loved to lawn bowl and was a founding member of the Didsbury Lawn Club where she could be found many an afternoon teaching school kids the fine art of lawn bowling. She was also a member of several bowling and lawn bowling senior games teams. Elsie traveled a lot in her retirement years and liked to play bingo. She was predeceased by her oldest son Allan Wayne in 1951, by her loving husband in 1980, three brothers Hans, Fred and John and two sisters Hazel and Irene. She is survived by her youngest sister Gathel (Frank) Bales of Carstairs, one daughter, Gail (Boyd) Petersen of Olds, three sons, Ted (Dianne) of Innisfail, Rick (Wanda) and Mike (Bonnie) of Didsbury, fourteen grandchildren and seventeen great-grandchildren. A celebration of Elsie's life will be held on May 2nd at the Knox United Church Didsbury at two o'clock. Donations can be made in Elsie's name to the Aspen Ridge Lodge or to the charity of your choice.

1005. Help Wanted

TENDERS ARE BEING ACCEPTED for Secretary, Treasurer, Feildperson for the Alberta Shorthorn Association. R.R.#3, Innisfail, AB T4G1T8 Before May 10/09

1070. Child Care

LOVING MOTHER OF two has openings for day time child care. Contact Emily 403-439-0225

100. Obituaries**3900. Garage Sales**

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100. Obituaries**5110. Houses For Rent**

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180. Thank You**Thank You**

The family of the late Florence Stevenson would like to take this opportunity to express their sincere appreciation to their many friends and family for the loving support and endless acts of kindness shown during a very difficult time for us. We are truly grateful for the many flowers, food, cards, thoughts and prayers. Special thanks to Pastor Robert Mohns, organist Laura Klassen, Faith Lutheran Church Ladies for the lovely lunch, Mountain View Funeral Chapels for their professionalism and compassion, and to all those who attended Florence's memorial. We would also like to extend our gratitude to the staff of Didsbury Health Services Unit 1 for the care given to Florence during her stay there. For the endless love and compassion shown during Florence's final days, we say thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

*The Stevenson Family***3210. Misc. For Sale**

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Great 1/4 West of Didsbury
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Here's your own park in town! 80' X 215' lot, 3 + 1 bedroom bungalow, many upgrades, laminate floors, 2 gas fireplaces, 2 1/2 baths, oversized double garage, zoned residential commercial, great potential!



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42 Meadowview Court
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Full quarter, rolling land, some pasture, lots of native trees, great building sites, perimeter fenced.

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15 Westhill Crescent
Plenty of room for the whole family! hardwood floors, sunken family room with fireplace, beautiful kitchen, newer flooring, double garage, excellent location backing onto huge park

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